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The 'No' Sounds Familiar

Another Cuban Ransom?

THE TRAPPINGS of ex-Rep. Charles O. Porter's mission to Communist Cuba might create a suspicion that another Bay of Pigs ransom deal is in the making.

Mr. Porter, representing the Associa-

tion of Relatives of Cuban Political Prisoners, is going to Havana next week. He will ask Fidel Castro to grant amnesty to 85,000 now in his jammed jails.

Undoubtedly, Mr. Porter says, a majority of those set free would come to Miami.

The former Oregon congressman says further he is acting as an individual and has nothing to offer the Cuban dictator except an appeal to his merciful heart.

The United States has no part in his endeavor, says Porter, although he has permission to make the trip.

These, it will be recalled, are the same conditions that prevailed on the surface when New York Attorney James Donovan negotiated with Castro for the Bay of Pigs veterans, with \$53 million worth of salable merchandise as his bait.

The evidence does not yet support a prediction that Mr. Porter's mission will turn out the same way.

He is, however, a logical pleader in this cause. As a congressman, Mr. Porter was Fidel's staunch supporter on Capitol Hill. Former Cuban Ambassador Earl B. T. Smith in his book, "The Fourth Floor," said Porter was "most helpful" to Castro in lining up support for his drive to become Cuba's maximum leader.

Mr. Porter also made history of a sort in 1959 by insisting on his right to visit Red China despite the State Department ban. He went to court to force the granting of a visa.

The court ruled that even congressmen must abide by the government's rules.

The former Oregon representative no longer sits in the House but apparently still maintains his interest in Cuba. It will be interesting to see how he is received by the man he helped on his way to become the sorest problem of the U.S.

Spurnpike Curiosities

QUESTIONS and controversy continue to multiply around the proposed Everglades Parkway toll road from Andytown to Naples.

The existence of at least two feasibility studies with conflicting conclusions has come to light. Some of the official groups that so hastily approved the two-lane turnpike (which, incidentally, would be only the second in the country with less than four lanes) acted on incorrect data.

Other questionable features turn up. There is the near certainty that US 41 Tamiami Trail, will not be four-laned until the turnpike bonds are retired near the year 2000. Hendry and Collier counties have pledged secondary road money for maintenance, but the State Road Department will improve access roads.

Another curious circumstance is that Collier County is to build access roads at one-mile intervals, which increase the normal hazards of high-speed turnpike driving.

Perhaps all the doubts can be resolved when the facts are fully known. The trouble is that secrets and haste have raised a cloud over the project.

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